

Buy Recycled: Look for It, Ask for It

The holidays are perhaps our greatest opportunity to flex consumer muscles and buy recycled to help "close the loop." Look for labels that say, "made with recycled materials" or "recycled content." The higher the post-consumer content the better. If you can't find a particular item with recycled content, ask the retailer to either special order it for you, or stock it in the future and purchase a gift certificate.

It might surprise you to know how many things, already part of your life, are actually made with recycled content. From carpet, fleece jackets and park benches to kayaks, decorative tile and glassware for the home, the wide array of products made with recycled content continues to expand. Forget concerns about durability or wear. Recycled materials and products go through the same testing procedures and quality control as their virgin-content counterparts.

Of the thousands of manufacturers and retailers offering recycled products, this guide represents only a small sampling designed to inspire you to "look for it, ask for it" whenever you shop, and especially during the holidays. Together, we can support markets for recycled products and efforts for a sustainable future.

In case you were wondering...

... **recycled** means that a product is made all or in part from a material that was once something else, like a can or bottle.

...**recyclable** merely indicates that a product or package can be recycled and used to make something else.

...**post-consumer** is a term for material that has been returned, recycled and reborn into a second life.

...**pre-consumer** is material that was discarded, or leftover, when used to make something else.





When you go about feathering a nest, check out these beautifully crafted items made with recycled content. For your friends who enjoy entertaining, a gift that adds beauty and grace to the home is one any host or hostess will enjoy.

Bath Accessories, Chairs, Stools, Tables, Picture Frames, Vases, Bowls, Platters, Champagne Buckets, Coasters, House Numbers, etc.

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Blankets

Allergy Control Products (Snuggable®) **(800) 422-3878 www.allergycontrol.com**

Blue Lotus Blankets (Santa Cruz and Bliss Blankets) (831) 479-7051 www.bluelotusblankets.com

Point Beach Outdoors (812) 438-2685 www.pointbeachoutdoors.com

Candle Holders, Paperweights, Coasters, Charms, Magnets, Dinnerware, Glass Curtains, etc.

Bedrock Industries (877) 283-7625 www.bedrockindustries.com



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Fire & Light Co. (800) 844-2223 www.fireandlight.com







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Holiday Ornaments, Wine Bottle Cheese Plate, Wine Bottle Clock, Glass Boxes and Shells

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Wine Bottle Cheese Plate





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